

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A portable terminal apparatus for displaying information on a plurality of display ~~surfaces~~ portions provided on front and back surfaces of a casing by using a single liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a liquid crystal display device, which extends from a first end to a second end in the casing;

a first display portion, which is provided at a first face side of the liquid crystal display device;

a second display portion, which is provided at a second face side of the liquid crystal display device, the first face side and the second face side being shifted relative to each other so that the first face side is not overlapped with the second face side, the second display portion being positioned so as to be nearer to the second end of the liquid crystal display device than the first display portion, and the second display portion being larger in area than the first display portion;

a light emitting element, which is positioned so as to be nearer to the second end of the liquid crystal display device than to the first end; and

a light guide plate, which guides illuminating lights from [[a]]~~the~~ light emitting element of the single liquid crystal display device to opposite directions to each other to irradiate both the first and second face sides ~~surfaces of a main body part~~ of the liquid crystal display device with the lights; and

~~— a detecting unit, which detects opening and closing operations of the casing,~~
~~— wherein an operating area of the liquid crystal display device is limited in accordance~~
~~with the opening and closing states detected by the detecting unit to switch the display part for~~
~~displaying the image information.~~

Claims 2-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a liquid crystal holder, which holds the liquid crystal display device and the light guide plate therewithin,

wherein the light emitting element and the light guide plate are placed in the same plane at a side of the second end of the liquid crystal display device so that the lights emitted from the light emitting element are directly incident to an end face of the light guide plate.

Claim 8 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein a diffusing sheet is provided on an inner face of the light guide plate which faces to the liquid crystal display device,

wherein a reflecting sheet is provided on an outer face of the light guide plate, which corresponds to the inner face thereof.

Claim 9 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1, 7 and 8, further comprising:

a detecting unit, which detects opening and closing operations of the casing, wherein an operating area of the liquid crystal display device is limited in accordance with the opening and closing states detected by the detecting unit to switch so as to display the image information on either one of the first display portion and the second display portion.

Claim 10 (New): A portable terminal apparatus for displaying information on a plurality of display portions provided on front and back surfaces of a casing by using a single liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a liquid crystal display device, which extends from a first end to a second end in the casing;

a first display portion, which is provided at a first face side of the liquid crystal display device;

a second display portion, which is provided at a second face side of the liquid crystal display device, the first face side and the second face side being shifted relative to each other so that the first face side is not overlapped with the second face side, the second display portion being positioned so as to be nearer to the second end of the liquid crystal display device than the first display portion, and the second display portion being larger in area than the first display portion;

a light emitting element, which is positioned so as to be nearer to the second end of the liquid crystal display device than to the first end of the liquid crystal display device; and

a light guide plate, which guides illuminating lights from the light emitting element to irradiate both surfaces of the liquid crystal display device with the lights and which is provided with an opening portion overlapped with the first display portion.

Claim 11 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 10, further comprising:

a liquid crystal holder, which holds the liquid crystal display device and the light guide plate therewithin,

wherein the light emitting element and the light guide plate are placed in the same plane at a side of the second end of the liquid crystal display device so that the lights emitted from the light emitting element are directly incident to an end face of the light guide plate.

Claim 12 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 10, wherein a diffusing sheet is provided on an inner face of the light guide plate which faces to the liquid crystal display device,

wherein a reflecting sheet is provided on an outer face of the light guide plate, which corresponds to the inner face thereof.

Claim 13 (New): The portable terminal apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 10-12, further comprising:

a detecting unit, which detects opening and closing operations of the casing,

wherein an operating area of the liquid crystal display device is limited in accordance with the opening and closing states detected by the detecting unit to switch so as to display the image information on either one of the first display portion and the second display portion.